

TFW \$

Docket No. 242005US3



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroshi ISHII, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/660,636

GAU: 2852

FILED: September 12, 2003

EXAMINER: CHEN,SOPHIA S

FOR: WASTE TONER COLLECTING DEVICE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING THE WASTE
TONER COLLECTING DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Joseph Scafetta, Jr.
Gregory J. Mater
Registration No. 25,599

Joseph Scafetta, Jr.
Registration No. 26,803

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000

Fax. (703) 413-2220

(OSMMN 05/03)

I:\EM\EMREL\241s\242s\242005US TR. LETTER.doc



LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent Number</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Patent Appl. Publication No.</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant</u>
242005US3*	10/660,636	09/12/03	2004-0052560	ISHII et al.
255551US2	10/884,979	07/07/04		FUKUCHI et al.

*Present Application; listed for information

GJM/sch

I:\EM\EMREL\241s-242s\242005US LIST8.DOC



LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent Number</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant</u>
242005US3*	10/660,636	09/12/03	ISHII et al.
257020US3	10/921,993	08/20/04	AMEMIYA et al

*Present Application; listed for information
GJM/sch



LIST OF RELATED CASES

<u>Docket Number</u>	<u>Serial or Patent Number</u>	<u>Filing or Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant</u>
242005US3*	10/660,636	09/12/03	ISHII et al.
257159US3*	10/921,923	08/20/04	KOIKE et al.

*Present Application; listed for information
GJM/sch
I:\EMEMREL\241s-242s\242005US LIST10.DOC